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**PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT LAYER
FOR MAGNETIC RECORDING
DISCS HAVING ENHANCED
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the
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5, 7-9, 11-14, 16-17 and 19-21.



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